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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of November 19, 2003, please consider the following remarks and also please grant applicants a three month extension of time to reply.

**REMARKS**

In this application, applicants seek to enter claims which will interfere with US Patent No. 6,285,027. Applicant has cancelled all claims without prejudice, except those which are directly copied from 6,285,027.

An Office Action had been issued on February 26, 2003, and a response was filed on July 23, 2003. That response eliminated all claims except those which have been identified above as directly conflicting with 6,285,027.

The response submitted on July 23, 2003 included Table 1, which identified the elements of proposed counts 1 and 2, by reproducing each subparagraph in the count against which was identified the portion in the current application which supports the limitations as well as additional support in US Patent 5,689,111, which was incorporated by reference in the currently pending application. The current application has the identical